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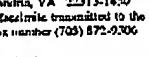
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Applicant(s) : Nabil Salman et al.
Filed : December 21, 2000
Title : Portable Packaging Device and Method For Forming
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2004, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this response.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.